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15 February 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR: ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, OSO

Subject: International Communism - JIGSAW Project

1. OSO issued a hectograph report dated December 7, on the above subject, from an Interdepartmental Ad Hoc Committee, [redacted] of CIA being the chairman.

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2. As this is an interdepartmental matter, the Standing Committee of the IAC is now looking into it with a view towards discussing this project next month before there is any formal IAC agreement on the recommendations in the above mentioned Ad Hoc Committee Report.

3. The Director's note to us on this file states: "I think someone should inquire into what OSO has (they have a lot on Communism) before going all out for any signed agreements. I should like to see those before they are sent out."

4. If you don't have in your files a copy of the December 7 "Interdepartmental Ad Hoc Committee, 'Jigsaw' Project, Interim Report" will you get one from [redacted] and have your Communist authority look it over.

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5. The Standing Committee will be busy this month on the Dulles Report, but early next month will have a meeting on this JIGSAW Project. Before that meeting ICA'S would like to have the views of your officer who deals principally with Communism, either orally or in a written memo.

6. Briefly, we think the Ad Hoc Committee Report overlooks the fact that your Office collects a great deal of this type of information and that the State Department has voluminous files on this subject and it has been studying for the past 30 years -- so we see no reason for CIA now going in for original research and taking up this political subject from scratch. We think it would be better for them to keep an eye on the future and develop what is already being collected and extend and coordinate and cooperate with the research already being done to fill gaps rather than to do the whole subject.

7. Perhaps the Communist authority in your Office can have a talk with us on this whole subject the first of the month.

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8. Before talking it over with your man, we would appreciate having extra copies of the material that may be available in your files pertaining to this subject as indicated in the Director's note quoted above.

PRESCOTT CHILDS  
Chief, ICAPS

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